

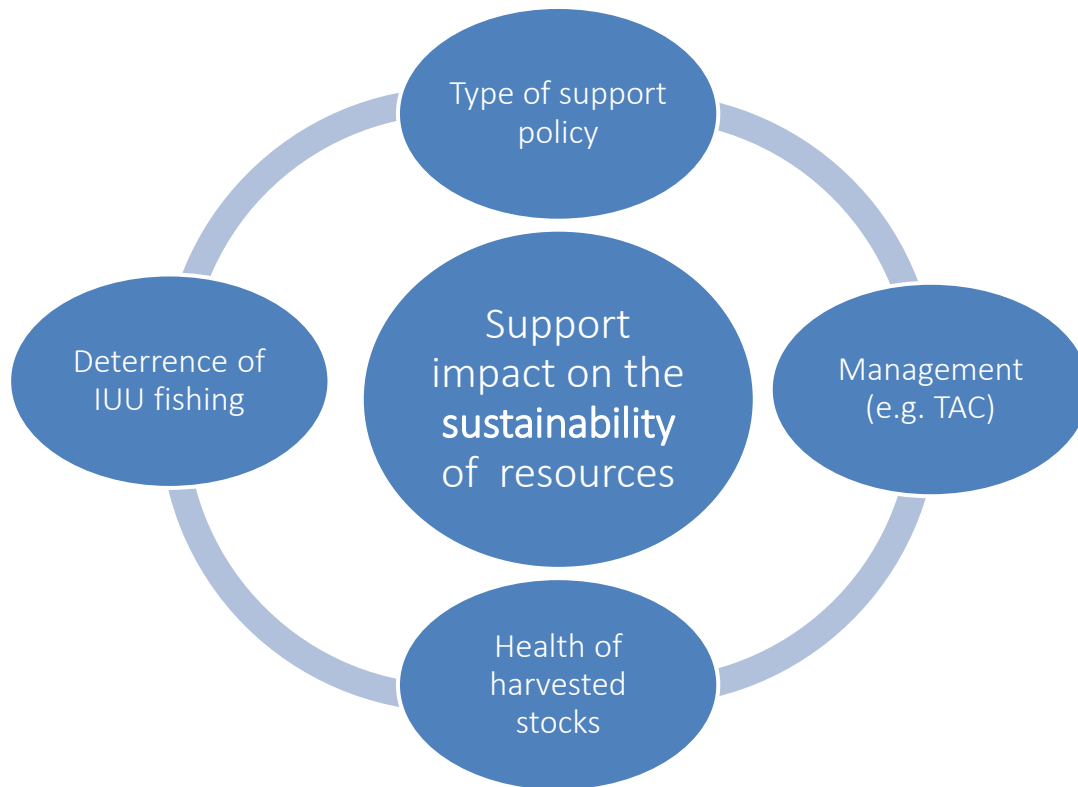


# Reforming government support to fisheries

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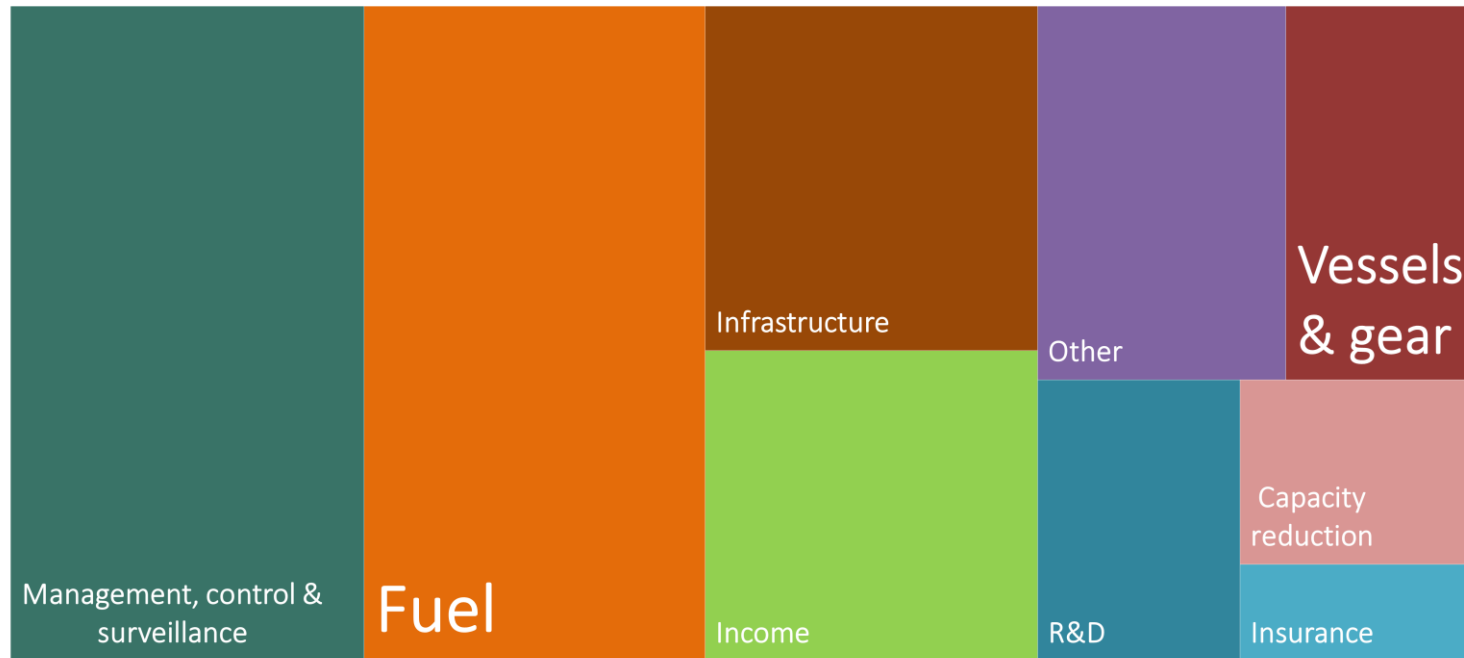
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# Addressing the potential detrimental impact of fisheries support on sustainability



# Policies lowering the cost of inputs are the most likely to encourage unsustainable fishing

SUPPORT REPORTED IN THE FSE DATABASE FOR 2018 = 9.7 BILLIONS



[https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?datasetcode=FISH\\_FSE](https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?datasetcode=FISH_FSE)

## **Effective fisheries management is a pre-requisite to effective support**

Effective fisheries management is essential to limit the scope for government support to create incentives to fish unsustainably AND to effectively improve fisher welfare

BUT no country has perfect management and enforcement:

- About a third of assessed stocks overfished
- A significant share of most valuable species still not under Total Allowable Catch limitations
- IUU fishing still pervades global fisheries

→ Extra caution is required where :

- Stocks are overfished
- Information about the health of fish stocks is lacking
- Fisheries are “open-access” or particularly subject to IUU fishing

→ Parallel efforts needed to improve fisheries management & fight IUU fishing globally



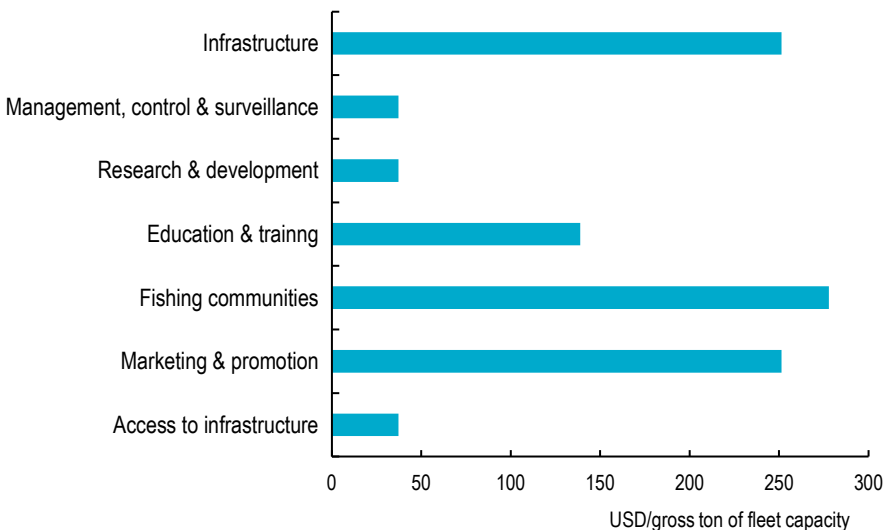
## Reform bonus: redirecting support has the potential to also improve welfare and equity



# The OECD Fisheries Support Estimate (FSE) database: a key resource to identify reform priorities

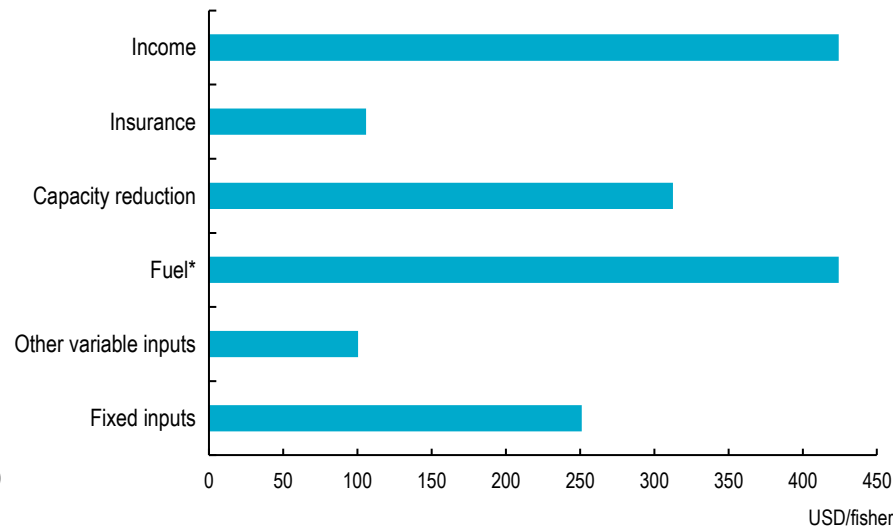
Intensity of fisheries services financing relative to fleet size

Country (example – data forthcoming)



Intensity of direct support relative to employment

Country (example – data forthcoming)



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